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network or a telecommunication backbone that enables distance learning, information sharing, and real-time medical diagnosis. The issues of the day present challenges we have to meet head-on, yet I am hopeful. This was a session of first--first bills passed and signed, first bills vetoed and overridden. This was a collegial, productive, successful session of first. It will not be our last. Thank you for all of your hard work. Have a great summer. (Applause)

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senators, would you please escort the Governor from the Chambers. Speaker Brashear.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Mr. President, I'd request a call of the house.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: The question before the body is, shall the house be placed under call? All those in favor vote yea; opposed, nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 40 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: The house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please remove yourself from the floor. All senators please report to the Chambers. Speaker Brashear.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Members, the reason I did that is because I am requesting that we all, on the premise that a thing worth doing is worth doing right, that we observe the call of the house, except for the exceptions we're going to make of people coming on the floor, and that we take the time now to thank those who are too seldom thanked. I'll plead guilty. I'll pass people in the hall; I've got things on my mind. I've always been dissatisfied with the way...no criticism expressed or implied, I've just been personally dissatisfied with our failure to recognize all of the many people that it takes to make this wonderful institution function, and we're not in that great a hurry that we cannot respectfully thank these people for all they do. If I mispronounce someone's surname, I apologize in advance. First of all, Kitty and the pages, please rise, those who are here. We're not dragging anybody in. We're not sending